

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending. Applicants cancel claims 7-9 in this response. Upon entry of the amendment, only allowed claims 1-6 and 10 will remain for consideration.

II. Specification Amendments

Applicants amend the specification to include headings for the application. In addition, a new Abstract of the Disclosure is presented.

III. Response to the Section 112 Rejection

Although Applicants disagree that claims 7-9 do not meet the requirements of Section 112, their cancellation of these claims renders the rejection moot. The Examiner should therefore withdraw the rejection.

IV. Response to the Section 102(b)/103 Rejection

Claims 7-9 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over McDaniel (U.S. Pat. No. 4,301,034). The Examiner should withdraw the rejection because, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 7-9.

V. Withdrawal of Section 103 Rejection based on McDaniel and Slauch

Applicants thank the Examiner for reconsidering and withdrawing the earlier Section 103(a) rejection based on McDaniel and Slauch (U.S. Pat. No. 4,295,999).

VI. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to enter the amendments, reconsider and withdraw the rejections, and pass the case to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone their attorney at (610) 359-2276 if she believes that a discussion of the application might be helpful.

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